



"Don't get excited... there's nothing wrong with the children... the phone's out of order!"

Sight & Sound

By Ernest Kreiling

HOLLYWOOD — Stage 22 at the MGM studios is not only one of the busiest places in Hollywood, but also one of the noisiest.

Amidst the sound of M-1 rifle fire, German machine guns and exploding mortars the bearded and dusty men of the 2nd Platoon, K Company, 361st Infantry Regiment are fighting their way across Normandy in front of the TV cameras.

The din of combat at times rends the air with such volume on the sound stage set of Normandy hedge rows that spectators and crew catch themselves wincing and starting to duck away from flying shrapnel.

BUT FOR all the life-like action, *Combat*, ABC's new hour long World War II series which airs Oct. 2, isn't a blood and guts series. It's trying to tell intimate and personal stories of American soldiers against the live-or-die background of infantry warfare.

Finding good scripts that move on action alone would have been easy, but finding stories with deep personal values and stories which depended on sharp characterization was another matter.

ROBERT BLEES, *Combat* producer, was assigned the job of searching out the stories that could make *Combat* a dramatic, not an action, series.

"When we started," Bles said, "all we had was a concept, and our first job was to try to convey to writers what we wanted. After a series has been on the air a few months the writers know the series, the stories that are wanted, and the characters. But at the outset only a small percentage of the scripts we read fit *Combat*."

BLEES SAID he has read an average of 50 scripts a week for several months, so I asked him why most of them weren't acceptable.

"The cliched story is the most common. For example, we won't use stories about the little French waif who attaches herself to our squad, or stories about the G.I. who falls in love with a French girl suspected of being a German collaborator." *Combat* is being written by

many different writers. Out of 27 stories lined up, no one writer is doing more than four thus far. This, of course, poses a problem of continuity of character, feeling, and action.

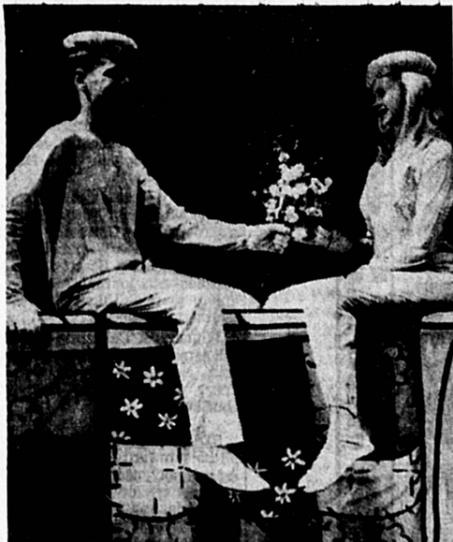
"WE'VE SEEN a lot of good stories, but they simply were not about our men and our platoon, so we couldn't use them," Bles observed. "We've worked hard to achieve an orchestration of talent in the cast, so the stories have to fit the cast."

To help reduce this hazard the writers were given a brochure outlining the purpose of the series delineating in general terms the characters of the four leads. Even so considerable re-writing must be done by Bles himself, who, as a writer of long experience and impressive credits, continues to shape and mold the characters and personalities of the



COMBAT READY... Pvt. Jack L. Runyan, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill T. Runyan, 22917 Kathryn Ave., was graduated this week from an individual combat training camp at Camp Pendleton. The advanced training emphasizes tactical matters.

"We make it a rule never to lend any of our tools. We remember only too well how we acquired them." — Mark Nelson, Fountain Inn (S.C.) Tribune.



ROMANCE... Brian McKerman as Pinno and Susan Michaels as Pinnette are pictured here on a clothesline during rehearsals for the forthcoming El Camino production of "Once Upon a Clothesline." The Children's play will open at the Campus Theater Friday. Performances are slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Concert Due At Church Saturday

Performers from the Southern California Christian Artists' Guild will present the second in a series of Southwest area sacred concerts at the Calvary Baptist Church, Saturday at 8 p.m.

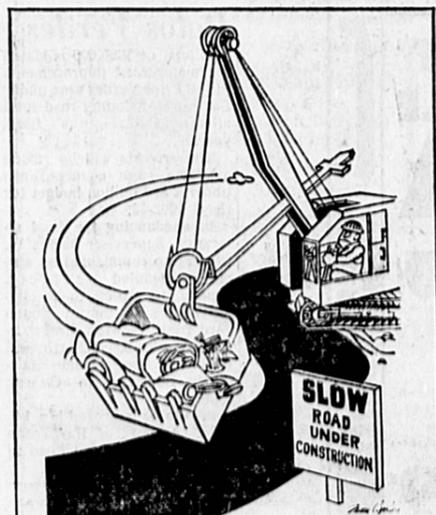
Songfellows Quartet will perform. The Rev. Al Van Selow, minister of Christian Education, will preach at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. duplicate Sunday services on the subject, "Century 21."

Beach Pastor to Speak

The Rev. Leon Perrigo will speak at duplicate morning services Sunday at the Torrance First Baptist Church. Assisting the Rev. Mr. Perrigo, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Long Beach, will be the adult choir.

On July 29 and 30, the Torrance First Baptist Church will present the motion picture, "Jerusalem," which is narrated by the Rev. Billy Graham. The film will begin at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

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